

SOUTH JORDAN — Ed Giles is the second-leading quarter horse trainer in the country in terms of wins. He starts training his 2-year-olds by having them pull chariots. That way, he mixes a successful business with successful pleasure.

"I really enjoy this for a sport," said Giles after winning his first Utah State Cutter Racing championship Sunday at his home track at the Salt Lake County Equestrian Park and leading the home team, Utah Valley, to the overall club championship. "It's the only sport I have," Giles said of the chariot racing, which, he adds, "is totally for fun, 100 percent; there's not a nickel in this."

Giles trained many of the chariot horses who ran Saturday and Sunday in the Utah state championships. Ten cutter/chariot-racing clubs participated in the state finals, which consisted of about 40 four-chariot races each day, with championship dashes in 12 divisions on Sunday.

Those races concluded the chariot season — racing starts again in December — except for teams qualified to attend the 1987 World Cutter and Chariot Racing Championships March 21-22 and 27-28-29 in Elko, Nev.

Giles will be among those participants as well, but he says he doesn't know what his chances are because he hasn't seen much of the competition. There are cutter/chariot clubs in Oregon, California, Nevada, Wyoming, Idaho, Colorado and Utah who participate in the world finals.

Giles had the state's fastest time this season going into the state championships, by .01 second over Jack Clawson of the Wasatch Slopes club, 22.72-22.74. Giles won Sunday's



Trying to get the horses to stop is the hard part, with flying dirt making it tough to see.

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"We knew it was going to be physi-
cal and there was going to be a lot of
hitting out there, and when Pollard
was whistled with his second personal
penalty, it took away his physical
ability to get their hands back



Modern chariots run on bicycle tires and
are light enough for kids to push around.

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Chariot champ mixes business

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